

# Inside out

## Page 2

Chairman  
praises staff

## Page 5

Sailors  
selected for  
chief

## Page 6

JSAP evolves,  
advances  
to e-mail





CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20318-9999

26 July 1999

## To the Men and Women of the Joint Staff

Please accept my deepest thanks for the hard work, dedication, and self-sacrifice you displayed during the crisis in Kosovo. Your tireless efforts in providing both the Secretary of Defense and me the best information available and ensuring that our Nation's leaders could make informed, accurate decisions in a timely manner made our success possible.

While the headlines over the past several weeks have often focused on the superb technology in our inventory, it was the men and women in uniform and their civilian colleagues who made the difference. Each of you on the Joint Staff should take great pride in your contributions during this extremely intense period. You performed in an extraordinary fashion and it has been my good fortune to be the beneficiary of your perseverance.

The Secretary of Defense and I are both profoundly grateful for the contributions made by the members of the Joint Staff. You deserve our Nation's highest praise.

With best wishes and deepest appreciation,

Sincerely,

*Well Done!*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Henry H. Shelton".

HENRY H. SHELTON

Chairman  
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

## Y2K millenium bug

# Status: DOD repairs nearly complete

By Paul Stone

American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary William Cohen said he "is very confident" the Defense Department will be able to carry out its missions when 1999 becomes the Year 2000.

During a July 22 Pentagon briefing addressing DoD's progress on stamping out Y2K problems, Cohen said more than 92 percent of DoD's 2,107 mission-critical systems are Y2K-compliant; 94 percent of the 4,749 nonmission-critical systems are fixed and implemented; and over 99 percent of DoD's 637 installations are compliant. He said those figures will be 100 percent across the board by Dec. 31.

Total DoD costs for Y2K repairs is esti-

mated at \$3.7 billion. Mission-critical systems are those considered essential for carrying out warfighting capabilities.

The Year 2000 problem, nicknamed "Y2K" and the "millennium bug," refers to a past computer industry practice of programming years with just two digits — 1999 would appear "99". That means some computer systems and equipment on Jan. 1, 2000, might read "00" as "1900." The error could generate inaccurate data or even cause systems to shut down.

The secretary said DoD has progressed rapidly in making Y2K repairs because it treated the problem "as if it were a cyber attack" against the military. "In this sense, Y2K is an enemy attack of the rarest kind," Cohen said. "We know the time of his planned attack, we know the place,

we know the consequences and we know we have absolutely no excuse not to prepare."

DoD is the largest user of computers in the world and is responsible for one-half of all federal computer systems and one-third of all mission-critical computer systems in the federal government.

Cohen said DoD has been extensively testing Y2K repairs and will continue to do so throughout the year. As examples of DoD's commitment to defeating the millennium bug, he cited the Navy's two-week-long Y2K test last spring involving the air-

*Continued next page*



Legion of Merit  
Degree of Commander

### On the cover

Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (left), presents the Legion of Merit Degree of Commander to Gen. Siphile Nyanda, Chief of the South African National Defence Force, during a Joint Service Full Honors Ceremony Monday. Nyanda was recognized for his efforts in the consolidation of seven former diverse military organizations into one unified national South African defense force. Photo by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mamie Burke.

*From page 3*

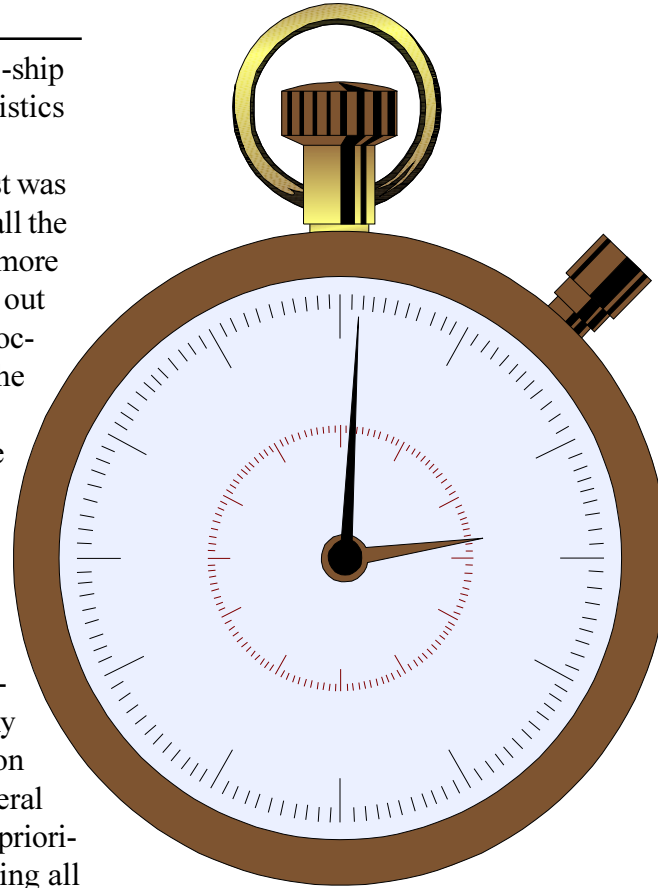
craft carrier USS Constellation and its 13-ship battle group, and the recent test of logistics systems which ended this month.

He pointed out that the logistics test was DoD's largest Y2K test ever, involving all the services, the Defense Logistics Agency, more than 1,000 people, and systems spread out over 22 locations. Only one Y2K failure occurred, and it has since been repaired, he noted.

Cohen also provided reassurance that DoD will be prepared to provide assistance to civilian communities and that the department's nuclear assets will not be affected by the Year 2000 date change.

He said "clear parameters" are being developed for military support for any potential domestic problems or disruption of services, emphasizing that the Federal Emergency Management Agency would prioritize response efforts, just as it does during all domestic emergencies.

Despite the fact Russia has not yet agreed to participate, Cohen said work continues on a joint U.S-Russian command center in Colorado



Springs, Colo. The center, to be called the Y2K Center for Strategic Stability, is designed to ensure that Y2K information systems glitches

are not interpreted as an attack and to reduce the risk of a nuclear launch based on inaccurate data. The secretary said he expects to gain Russian agreement to participate later this year.

Cohen was joined by Adm. Richard W. Mies, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, which is in charge of DoD's nuclear weapons. Mies said his command has "high confidence that nuclear command and control systems are ready for the Year 2000 transition and that fears of accidental nuclear launches are unfounded.

"I want to make it clear there is no risk of an accidental launch," he said. "Procedures for launching our nation's nuclear weapons involve multiple levels of safeguards, such as code verification and human interactions to authenticate an order from the president. Computers, by themselves, cannot launch nuclear weapons." Mies said that of the 198 computer systems deemed mission-critical to U.S. nuclear missions, all but two have been verified as Y2K-compliant, and those two are expected to be verified by this fall.

Cohen characterized DoD's Y2K progress during the past year as "a remarkable effort by some very talented people." (*Courtesy American Forces Press Service*)





Photo by Chief Petty Officer Douglas Wright

## JS sailors selected for chief petty officer

The Navy announced promotions for the following petty officers 1st class assigned to the Joint Staff. Pictured, from left to right: Robert Hodges, Radioman, Directorate of Management; Elizabeth McGrath, Illustrator Draftsman, J-3 National Military Command Center; Zachory Parker, Yeoman, DOM; Antoinett McClary-Hall, Mess Management Specialist, Chairman's Dining Room; and Cedric Sims, Cryptologic Technician, J-3 NMCC. Not pictured is Brian Williams, Yeoman, J-6.



# JSAP evolves, advances into Outlook e-mail

By Tech. Sgt. Anne Proctor  
Editor, J-Scope

The road to better access, speed, and collaboration has been bumpy, but the new Joint Staff Action Processing System is well on its way to bettering the business of staff actions.

JSAP was started in 1996 to meet the unique coordination and tracking needs of the Joint Staff and to keep pace with the electronic office environment.

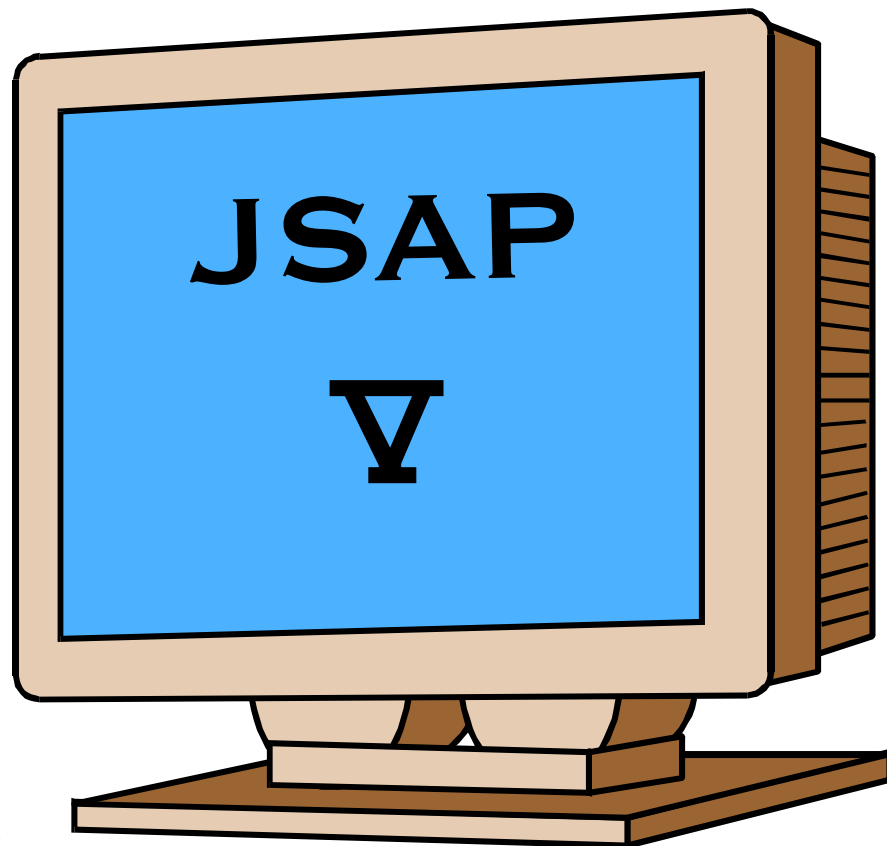
Five versions later the system has advanced dramatically. Today, JSAP is integrated into MicroSoft's Workflow Outlook, enabling Joint Staffers to access "business" packages from within their e-mail function. Growing out of user input, JSAP Workflow Outlook was field tested on the Joint Staff in May and installed in June. This version is more in line with what action officers are actually doing, said Air

Force Lt. Col. Keith Singleton, Systems Engineering and Integration Division, Joint Staff Information Resource Management Office.

"It has the look and feel of e-mail. The old system was cumbersome because you had to close out of one program and start up JSAP to handle coordination. With this version, JSAP is built into the Outlook menu and it's easier to get to."

Access was one thing, but speed was a problem at the onset, acknowledged Singleton.

"The old server became process-saturated when we added the new JSAP software, and the resulting mission impact drove us to expedite installation of newer, more robust server technology," said Singleton. To boost processing, a new dual-processor IBM H-50 server



was installed to re-host the JSAP subsystem. "With the new server upgrade, we've handed users a product with a 200 percent improve-

*Continued next page*

*From page 6*

ment in CPU (processing) capability. That translates into quantifiable gains in file access, package manipulation, and more importantly, user satisfaction," said Singleton.

The issue of external collaboration - or coordinating large files with outside agencies —has been a longstanding problem. Since JSAP is a Joint Staff unique program not used by other agencies, a package would often have to be converted in one form or another to get coordination done. That often resulted in large e-mail files that bogged down the system, or, hard copy packages that obviously took more time to process.

To improve the situation, JSIRMO added the FTP Voyager program to each user workstation. FTP, or File Transfer Protocol, augments JSAP, said Joann Haywood, a senior program analyst with JSIRMO. "It means you can quickly and easily send something outside the Joint Staff, across the firewall for external collaboration," she said. FTP benefits the Joint Staffer, external customer, and the system, by reducing the traffic load on SIPRNET e-mail and making large files more accessible.

The transition from the old system to the new hasn't been smooth, conceded Singleton and Haywood. The old server reduced package speed and fueled frustration across the staff. On top of that, there was a gap from the time people got the training to when they started using the new system.

Still, Joint Staff people are saying they like the new version better than the old, when queried by the J-Scope last week.

"JSAP in any form is better than the old days of Wang word processors, salmon-colored form 136s and mass copying," said third-tour Joint Staff veteran Army Col. Robert Trost, Chief, J-3 Information Strategy Division.

Cdr. Sally Benson, J-1 Personnel Readiness Division, said the new JSAP was better than the old one. "There are a few bugs that need to be worked out and everyone needs to learn how to use all the features of the new system."

One staffer commented on the resource management aspect. "Going paperless is another great way to show the American people that we are worthy stewards of the resources they have entrusted us with," said Air Force Lt. Col. George Gagnon, J-5 NATO Policy Division.

One of the early concerns with the new JSAP was training. "There are some differences between the two systems and there is a learning curve to becoming familiar with the system," said Haywood. To manage this concern, the GTE JSIRMO training staff had a JSAP Outlook training blitz in May and June. "We taught classes for SJS and MILSEC personnel, and for regular JSAP users in the Joint Staff Training Center and the Pentagon Army Auditorium, said Sandra Clark, JSIRMO Training Manager.

"We taught over 400 users during this period. Although many users said the new JSAP is more intuitive, we developed several handouts to help users during the transition," said Clark. The training documentation is still available on the G drive -- G:\:Training\JSAP Outlook Training Documentation. There is also on-line help available in JSAP Outlook.

The evolution of JSAP isn't over yet, points out Singleton, "Our prime contractor, GTE, is already looking at how to improve it even more. This JSAP is really just a baseline migration towards further modifications to meet growing Joint Staff collaboration requirements," he said.

Time will tell, but in the end, Haywood

# OSD/Joint Staff annual golf tournament needs players

Golfers are still needed for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff Golf Tournament.

As of this week, more than 25 spots were available in the 75-golfer annual event Aug. 18 at the East Course, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

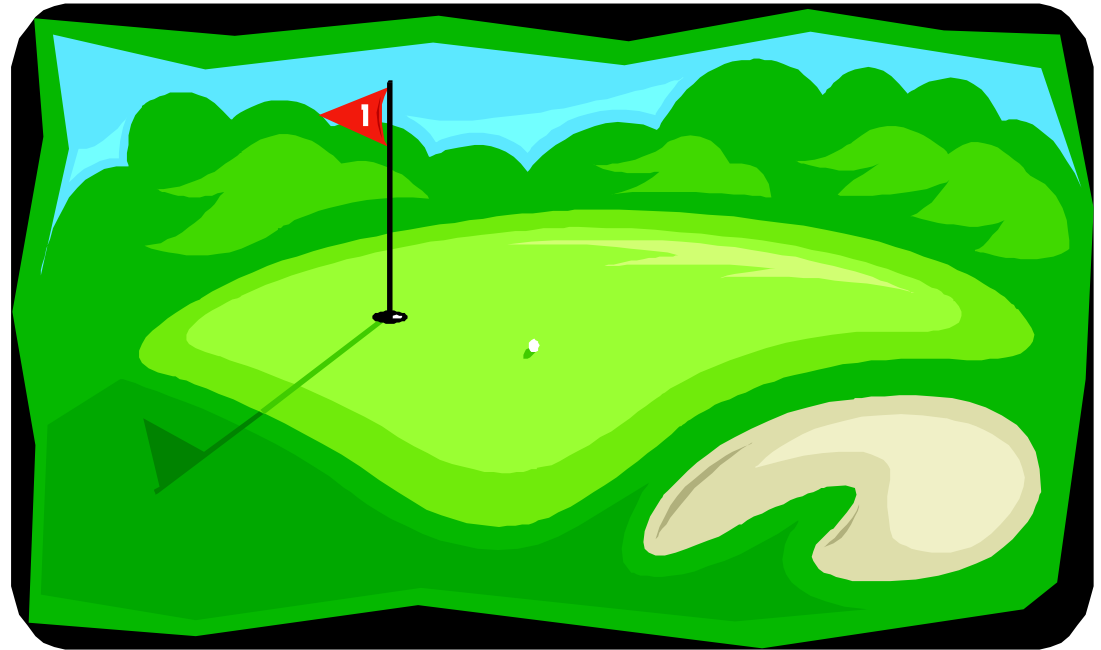
The tourney is open to OSD/JS people only; no guests. People are encouraged to sign up in foursomes, but singles and twosomes are acceptable. The format is shotgun start and select shot. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

Sponsored by the OSD/JS Welfare Recreation Association, the cost is \$30 (cash only) which includes green fees, cart, buffet lunch, and prizes. Gift certificates will be awarded to the first through the third place team winners in championship and

handicap flights.

People interested in playing need to sign up at the OSD/JS WRA in room

3C1055 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 695-5338 or visit WRA office.





## News briefs

### Redskins autograph event

Former Washington Redskins football player Neil Olkewicz visits its military commissaries in the Washington D.C. area Saturday as part of the 1999 Legends Tour. Olkewicz played with the team from 1979 to 1989. Patrons at the Bolling, Andrews, and Fort Belvoir commissaries can meet the player and get a free autographed photo. Olkewicz will be at Bolling from 10 to 11 a.m.; Andrews from noon to 1 p.m.; and Fort Belvoir from 3 to 4 p.m.

### Housing office reduces hours

The Bolling Housing Office is experiencing a critical manpower shortage during its busiest time of the year. To ensure customers get

timely and efficient services, the office will close one hour early. Until further notice, the office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hours on Tuesday are from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Bolling Housing Office apologizes for any inconvenience and thanks customers for their patience. For more information, call Gabriele Alexander, Housing Management Chief, at (202) 404-1829.

### ACS Relay for Life races

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is holding races during August. This event is a community celebration of life dedicated to present and former cancer patients, their families and friends. The race raises funds through teams of eight to 15 people whom

walk, run or "wheel chair" around the track. When not on the track, Relay for Life team members camp out and enjoy music, food, games, competitions and camaraderie. Local races are Aug. 13-14 at Bowie State University, Bowie, Md.; and Aug. 20-21 at Surrattsville High School, Clinton, Md. For more information, call the ACS at (301) 261-6000 or 1-888-603-4304.

### Military Police Corps ball

The Military Police in the National Capitol Region celebrate the 58th anniversary of the Military Police Corps Sept. 10 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, Va. There will be a formal dinner and a guest speaker. The ball is open to all active and retired

military police, civilian members and law enforcement people. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Sam Alexander at (202) 685-2815.

### CGSOC courses offered

The 10/80th Command and General Staff Officer Course Battalion conducts Phase I and III of the CGSOC at the Pentagon, Fort Belvoir, Walter Reed Medical Center, and Crystal City from October to May. Courses are taught one night a week or one weekend a month. People wanting to sign up must submit the Form 59R through their unit administrator. The course number is 1-250-C3, followed by Phase I or III. For more information, call Lt. Col. Charles Restivo at (202) 353-0294 or Maj. Keith Mines at (202) 647-0443.

## *J-Scope* feedback

**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**

**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**  
**Comment here**



**Letters to the editor**  
**Comments about the**  
**J-Scope can be E-mailed to**  
**the "J-Scope" address.**



Photo by Chief Petty Officer Joyce Bland-French

## Retirement

Army Lt. Gen. John M. McDuffie, J-4 Logistics Director (left), presents the Defense Superior Service Medal to Army Col. Michael Y. Kenneally, J-4 Deployment Division, during a retirement ceremony July 23. Kenneally's guests included his wife, Tate; and daughter, Kelly. Keanneally retires after 26 years of service.



Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Martin

## Farewell

Air Force Maj. Gen. John W. Brooks, J-4 Logistics Vice Director (left), presents the Defense Meritorious Service Medal to Air Force Lt. Col. Donald C. Pipp, J-4 Readiness and Requirements Division, during a farewell ceremony July 20. Pipp also received a Joint Service Achievement Medal impact award for his work during Operation Allied Force.



Photo by Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mamie Burke

## Farewell

Air Force Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (right), presents the Defense Meritorious Service Medal to Air Force Lt. Col. Sandy Cobb, Special Assistant to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a farewell ceremony July 21. Cobb's guests included her husband, Ray; and sons, Austin and Lane.



## SEND YOUR NEWS BACK HOME

Want to let your friends and family back home know about your accomplishments in the military? Just visit your unit public affairs representative or the Special Assistant for Public Affairs in 2E839 and fill out a Hometown News Release form. The categories eligible include awards, promotion, academic degrees, military training, and certain military exercise or operations.

All active-duty and civilian workers are eligible and the process is easy. Army and Air Force members can fill out a HNR by obtaining a copy of DD Form 2266 or using the computer generated version, Navy and Marine members fill out a NAVSO 5724/1 form. Military decorations must be accompanied by a copy of the award citation and all events must be submitted with 30-60 days of happening.

### J-Scope Classified Ads

are available without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, or any other nonmerit factor of the user or patron. Classifieds are printed in this publication in accordance with DoD Instruction 5120.4.

### Submitting Classified Ads

Joint Staff active duty and civilian personnel are eligible to advertise a one-time sale of personal items, no longer than 20 words in length.

Only one submission is allowed per family per week and should include sponsor's name, duty section, duty and home phone number. The ads only include a person's home phone number.

Please indicate what section the ad should be in -- autos or boats for sale, miscellaneous, yard or garage sale, car pool, houses for sale, or roommate wanted. Send ad submissions via E-mail to the "J-Scope" address by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday each week, or drop off at Public Affairs, Room 2E839. Ads will run only once and must be renewed by E-mail each week.

## For sale

**House.** Three-level, 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2-car garage, finished basement, skylights, fireplace, exercise room, hardwood foyer. \$184,900. Call (301) 856-3750.

## For rent

**Town house.** Three-level, 2,000 square feet, 1 car garage, inside the Beltway. Three bedrooms, family room and fireplace. Off Duke Street near Landmark, across from Home Depot. Includes community pool, 3-minute walk to express bus directly to Pentagon. One mile to Metro at Van Dorn Street (Blue Line) Available Sept. 1, \$1,450 a month. Call (703) 619-9630.

## Miscellaneous

**Aquarium.** 20-gallon, complete with all equipment: air pump, heater, etc. In-

cludes stand, assorted plants, vacuum cleaning system and water test kit. New \$195, sell for \$95. Call (703) 490-4743.

**Drafting table.** White melamine surface with black tubular frame. Adjustable height and tilt with stool and work lamp for \$75. Call (703) 490-4743.

**Bed.** Twin box spring, mattress, and frame. Rarely used, \$80. Call (703) 490-4743.

**Sewing machine.** Industrial CONSEW 250 machine for heavy fabric, upholstery or leather, \$350. Call (703) 490-4743.

**Football tickets.** Redskins tickets for pre-season games: Aug. 20, Buffalo Bills, 5 tickets; Sep. 3, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 5 tickets. Seats are on the 35 and 45 yard line behind the Redskins bench. Tickets are \$60 (face value). Parking ticket is \$10. Call (703) 780-4364.



# .....J-Spotlight.....



**Name:** Air Force Tech. Sgt. Reginald T. Pero

**Organization:** Joint Staff Support Services Office

**Duty title:** Transportation Coordinator

**Time in service:** 15 years and 6 months

**Hometown:** Baton Rouge, La.

**Family:** Wife Ellisa, daughter Nakeshia, and son Troy

**Hobbies:** Weight lifting and fishing

**Most embarrassing moment:** When this is posted in the J-Scope

**Favorite duty station:** Clark Air Base, Philippines

**Career Highlights:** Providing support in the evacuation of families, personnel, and equipment during the eruption of Mount Pinatubo from Clark AB, Philippines

## UPAR quick reference list

Each directorate of the Joint Staff has one or more individuals assigned the additional duty of Unit Public Affairs Representative or UPAR. The UPAR's job is to help tell the story for that organization by reporting news about unit and individual activities and achievements to the J-Scope. UPARs also process Hometown News Release forms, assist with publicity for special events, and identify story ideas for future publication.

Contact your assigned UPAR if you have a story to tell, have won an award, been promoted, or need to publicize a special event.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>
DOM	Air Force Master Sgt. Eric M. Harrell	695-2000
J-1	Army Lt. Col. Kerry C. Allen	697-9644
J-2	Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Saultzman	697-9773
J-3	Army Sgt. 1st Class Paula E. Davis	695-8116
J-4	Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Greg Hahn	697-1018
J-5	Army Lt. Col. C.T. Taylor	697-3794
J-6	Air Force Master Sgt. Vincent R. Johnson	695-7879
J-7	Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Rick Haney	695-7920
J-8	Air Force Master Sgt. Kerry G. Dugue	695-5632

**The J-Scope** is an authorized publication for members of the Department of Defense. Contents of the J-Scope are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government or DoD. The editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Joint Chiefs of Staff Public Affairs Office. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Fridays, a week before publication. The public affairs staff reserves the right to edit all submissions to journalistic standards. All photos are official photos unless otherwise noted. Acceptance of inputs by the public affairs staff does not guarantee publication.

### Editorial Staff

Maj. Larry Cox

*Managing Editor*

Tech. Sgt. Anne M. Proctor

*Editor*

Senior Master Sgt. Mamie M. Burke

*Chairman's Photographer*

Army Visual Information Center

*Joint Visual Information Services*

## *parting* Shot

### Marines help keep the peace

Lance Cpl. Pedro Romana,  
L Battery, 3rd Battalion,  
10th Marine Regiment  
mans an M-249 machine  
gun on the back of a 5-ton  
truck on the way to Camp  
Montieth near Cernica,  
Kosovo. The Marines `of  
the 26th Marine Expedi-  
tionary Unit are helping to  
enforce the implementa-  
tion of the military techni-  
cal agreement and to  
provide peace and stabil-  
ity to Kosovo.



**Photo by Marine Sgt. Craig J. Shell**